MR. KALLUR NARAYANA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): ആനക്കാൽ തോട്ടം ബ്രൂക്ക്ബാണ്ട് കമ്പനിക്കാരുടെ ഏജൻറിൻെറ വകയാണെന്നറിയാമോ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): അറിഞ്ഞുകൂടാ.

MR. KALLUR NARAYANA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): അതിനടുത്തുള്ള മൂവായിരം ഏക്കർ സ്ഥലം പതിച്ചു കിട്ടുന്നതിനു ഉദ്ദേശിതമായ നടപടി നടത്തുന്നതായി അറിയാമൊ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): അപേക്ഷ കൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നറിയാം.

Correspondence re Brooke Bond Scheme.

55. MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table the whole correspondence that took place between the Government and Messrs. Brooke Bond Co., Ltd., London, with regard to the Brooke Bond concession, or at least the last letter received from Messrs. Brooke Bond Co., Ltd., London, which is referred to in the Press Note published on the 30th June 1927, dropping the Brooke Bond Scheme?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to the answer given to part (7) of interpellation No. 54 by Mr. Kallur Narayana Pillai.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether the Press Communiqué dated the 29th June 1927 is based on the last letter received from Messrs. Brooke Bond Co., Ltd.?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It is based on that also.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether the attention of the Government was drawn to the following passage in the letter sent by Messrs. Brooke Bond Company while they issued the Press Note:

"The question of roads and road-making appears to be one which would present great difficulties. Our next point, and one which carries considerable weight in our decisions is the difficulty which has arisen in the very antagonistic attitude which has been taken up by the local Press in Travancore."

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Government have perused the entire letter.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether the attention of the Government was also drawn to the following sentence:—

"The great natural difficulties to be overcome in road-making is what, to begin with, would prove an unhealthy area, is an obstacle which might be overcome, but we feel that

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an active opposition on the part of the Travancoreans themselves, even of a somewhat unintelligent minority, would prove an insuperable obstacle to the scheme which, for its success, must depend on the active co-operation of these very elements ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : The answer I just gave covers this also.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : In view of the passages that I read out now, do the Government concede that it is on the strength of the agitation in Travancore that Messrs. Brooke Bond Company was compelled to drop the scheme ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : So far as the Government are concerned, they had the Company's letter before them. It is not possible to say what the Company had in their mind.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : Can we infer that it was merely on the strength of the agitation that the scheme was dropped ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : The member is at liberty to draw any inference.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : Is the member unable to draw any inference ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : Since it is patent on the face of it, I do not feel called upon to draw any inference.

Mahomedan Teachers and special Mahomedan Holidays.

56. **MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMED** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Inspector of English Schools issued a circular in 1924 to the effect that the Mahomedan employees in Government schools should take casual leave if they want to avail themselves of the special Mahomedan holidays sanctioned by the Government ; and

(*b*) whether they are aware that the Headmasters of some of the English Schools do not permit Mahomedan teachers under them to avail themselves of the special Mahomedan holidays, without taking casual leave ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Director reports that the practice is to allow Mahomedan teachers in non-Mahomedan schools to go on casual leave on Mahomedan holidays.

MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMED (*Nominated*) : Do the Government approve of the circular ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The question of the Government's approval or disapproval has not been asked for.

MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMED (*Nominated*) : As it stands here, do they approve of the circular ?

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